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REMARKS

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1. On 26 September 1953, the former Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik in Luckenwalde was occupied by about 300 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. Between 16 and 26 September, officers were continually observed en route to and from the installation. Beginning on 15 September, a watchtower, about 8 to 10 meters high and occupied by sentries, immediately beside the installation. Motor vehicle observed near the installation.
2. On 26 September, Stalag I was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. During the period under review, drill and maintenance work at motor vehicles. About 50 troops received instruction on two rocket launchers about 500 meters south of the installation. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the camp.
3. On 26 September, Stalag II was occupied by about 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. At about 4 p.m. on 18 September, about 100 troops with range finders and pack radio sets entered the installation, coming from the direction of the training area. At about 9 a.m. on 23 September, four trucks, each occupied by about 35 troops, left the installation for the firing range in Jagen (forest section) No 16.
4. Between 16 and 26 September, the Forest Zinna training area was mostly off limits. At about 7 a.m. on 16 September, four 76-mm field guns and 35 to 50 soldiers under a camouflage net, 40 meters long and 30 meters wide, in Jagen No 16. At about 9 a.m. the four guns were emplaced and started firing toward Mehlsdorf. Between 18 and 22 September, the following vehicles and guns participated in firing practices in the training area: 4 T-34/35 tanks, 3 JS-2 tanks, 4 x 45-mm AT guns and 2 x 57-mm AT guns, with the latter having arrived from the Adolf Hitler camp. On the evening of 21 September, numerous reports of heavy weapons were heard. Guard personnel was being reinforced at the training area during the period under review. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the training area.

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5. On 26 September, the Adolf Hitler camp in Forst Zinna was occupied as previously by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank and artillery insignia. Firing with small arms was continually observed in the camp during the period under review. At about 9 a.m. on 19 September, 3 T-34/85 tanks and 1 JS-2 tank left the installation toward the training area. At about 4 p.m. on 22 September, 4 trucks, each towing an AT gun [redacted] were seen entering the installation, coming from the training area. The bare brickwork of the barracks building under construction in Jagen No 12, about 80 meters southwest of the camp, had been completed. The sheds were still under construction. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation [redacted]

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6. [redacted] officers and EM stationed in the Adolf Hitler camp were permitted to leave the installation and to mix with the local population, as well as visit German restaurants and consume alcoholic beverages. Officers and EM who violated military discipline were no longer granted passes.

1. [redacted] Comment. The Norddeutsche Maschinenfabrik is believed to be occupied as previously by a training unit of the Third Gds Mecz Army, which also conducted officer courses. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
2. [redacted] Comment. Stalags I and II are occupied by the 91st Gds RL Regt of the Third Gds Mecz Army and a signal repair shop of the GDFG [redacted] 50X1-HUM
3. [redacted] Comment. The Adolf Hitler camp in Forst Zinna is believed occupied as previously by the Hq Third Gds Mecz Army. The tanks and AT guns probably belong to the 50th Mtrcl Regt of the army. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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